

Meeting Date: 3/06/08

Agenda Item No. 10

**Agenda Item: Idaho Fish and Wildlife
Foundation**

Bureau Chief Approval:

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Background:

1. The Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation Land Consultant closed on two 20-acre parcel conservation easements adjacent the Big Wood River. The easements provide excellent habitat for a large population of elk in the Wood River Valley.
2. Thirty-five trips have been confirmed for the March 2008 Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation Online Trip Auction. We exceeded our goal of 30 trips. The auction begins at 6:00 am, Mountain Daylight Savings Time on Friday, March 14, 2008 and ends at 9:00 pm Mountain Daylight Savings Time on Monday, March 24, 2008.
3. The Foundation welcomes two new board members – Chuck Goodenough from Region 3 and Gary Bills from Region 5. The Foundation now totals 17 board members representing all seven regions of the state.
4. The Foundation held their winter board meeting on February 2, 2008 at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game headquarters. Board members voted and approved project funding for five out of 8 projects of which 4 are Idaho Department of Fish and Game projects. Announcements will be made by early March 2008. Our annual meeting will be held in Jerome on April 18 & 19, 2008.
5. The Foundation Board voted to approve the Foundation's Land Policy. Copies are available upon request.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues: None

Public Involvement Process: None

Staff Recommendation: Continue regular reporting

Justification: Per Commission request.